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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BPRO, ERGN, RP

SUBJECT: AMOCO INTEREST IN REED BANK

REF: STATE 159300

1. EMBOFF HAS SEEN A COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT BY AMOCO NEW YORK OFFICE TELLING ITS LOCAL PHILIPPINE OFFICE TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ASK DFA TO INFORM THEM IF FLAT ISLAND AND NHANSAN ARE OCCUPIED, AND IF SO BY WHOM.

2. WE CONCLUDE THEREFORE THAT AMOCO MAY BE CONSIDERING THAT LOCATION FOR ITS SECOND EXPLORATORY WELL IN THE REED BANK AREA. THE SERVICE CONTRACT SIGNED BY SALEN WITH THE GOP IN WHICH AMOCO NOW HAS AN INTEREST CALLS FOR THE DRILLING OF THREE WELLS IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS.

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3. FLAT AND NHANSAN ISLANDS ARE LOCATED ABOUT 60 NAUTICAL

MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF THE PRESENT DRILL-SITE WHICH IS  
AT N 10 DEGREES 28 MINUTES E 116 DEGREES 38 MINUTES.  
THEY ARE STILL IN THE AREA GENERALLY AND MISLEADINGLY REFERRED  
TO IN THE OIL TRADE AS "REED BANK", AND BY THE PHILIPPINE  
MILITARY AS "FREEDOMLAND", BOTH OF WHICH TRANSLATE  
TO THOSE ISLANDS OF THE SPRATLY CHAIN CLAIMED BY THE  
GOP. ACCORDING TO DAO INFORMATION, THESE ISLANDS  
ARE NOT PRESENTLY OCCUPIED, BUT ARE INTERMITTENTLY  
GARRISONED BY PHILIPPINE MARINES.  
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